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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Theresa T. Snider

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 12-15 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/23/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 4/23/2004 cites 4,364,083, which is directed to a helicopter seat, and 5,255,541, which is directed to an antibody. Did Applicant write the wrong patent number?

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "402" has been used to designate both pressure port[0024] and nozzle[0026]. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the first handle having a pressure cartridge(claims 9-10) and the pressure port filter(claims 11 and 24) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

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Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

4. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: it is unclear as to where in the specification is disclosed that the first handles has both a cartridge for stain removal liquid and a pressure cartridge(claims 9-10), that the first handle provides a negative pressure along with the second handle (claim 16) and that the first handle is configured to provide a positive pressure (claim 18).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 18 and 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Exemplary of such:

Claim 18, it is unclear as to how the handle can provide both a negative pressure and a positive pressure.

Claim 25, line 7, 'article' should be inserted after 'fabric'.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-3 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by LaBocchetta.

LaBocchetta discloses a first handle configured to receive a cartridge (fig. 1, #12, configured to be received in loops, on extended portion near #38).

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LaBocchetta discloses a second handle pivotally coupled to the first handle and configured to receive a cartridge (fig. 1, #12,16, configured to be received in loops, on extended portion #30).

LaBocchetta discloses a first workpiece coupled to the first handle and having an exit port (fig. 1, #18,22).

LaBocchetta discloses a second workpiece coupled to the second handle and having an exit port (fig. 1, #20,24).

With respect to claims 2 and 13, LaBocchetta discloses the two workpieces are directed proximate each other when the handles are compressed (fig. 2, #18,20).

With respect to claims 3 and 14, LaBocchetta discloses the ports proximate each other when the workpieces are proximate each other (figs. 1-2, #22,24).

With respect to claim 15, LaBocchetta discloses a positive pressure, when the handle is moved to 'press' the workpieces together.

9. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Henry, Jr..

Henry, Jr. discloses a stain removal delivery device containing a stain removal liquid (fig. 4, #44,46).

Henry, Jr. discloses a stain removal liquid applicator (fig. 3b, #28).

Henry, Jr. discloses a stain removal extractor that cooperates with applicator to cause liquid to pass from a first side to a second side of a fabric (fig. 4, #36, col. 3, lines 33-42).

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 4-11 are allowed.
11. Claims 16-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
12. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art discloses a first handle containing a stain removal liquid, a first fabric area, a second handle and a second fabric area HOWEVER fails to disclose or fairly suggest the second handle having a pressure cartridge.

Double Patenting

13. Claims 19-24 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 4-8. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kramer et al., Kozlinski, Pozar and Lamping disclose a first handle configured to receive a cartridge, a second handle pivotally coupled to the first handle and configured to receive a cartridge, a first workpiece coupled to the first handle and having an exit port and a

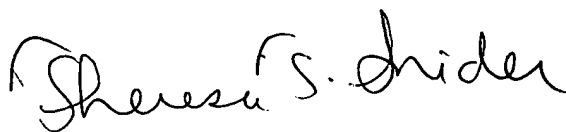
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second workpiece coupled to the second handle and having a exit port. Soberg discloses a stain removal device where liquid is forced thru and returned through the same side of fabric.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa T. Snider whose telephone number is (571) 272-1277. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (5:30am-2:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gladys Corcoran can be reached on (571) 272-1214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa T. Snider".

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